

Self-Gov - State Appellate Public Defender

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Description:

The Office of the State Appellate Public Defender (SAPD) will provide representation for indigent defendants in felony criminal actions in the following cases: appeals from convictions in district court, appeals from the district court in post-conviction relief proceedings brought pursuant to the uniform post-conviction procedure act, chapter 49, title 19, Idaho Code, and post-conviction relief proceedings in district court capital cases.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. To increase and capitalize on educational opportunities for appellate counsel and support staff within the budgeted resources.

A. Identify the annual conferences and classes given both locally, state, and nation wide that provide adequate training opportunities for staff by March of 2000.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

B. Prioritize the training options and utilize training dollars more efficiently, with the idea of getting the most training for the dollar.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

C. Budget according to the priorities identified by May of 2000.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

D. Implement strategy under budget constraints in July 2000.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

2. To increase the use of technology by 10% to increase productivity in accomplishing the mission by December of 2001.

A. Develop and fully implement a telecommuting policy for the Office by June 2000 with at least every appellate attorney telecommuting two days per week; monitor morale and productivity.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			75%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
75%	100%	100%	100%

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B. Develop and implement a four-year technology plan by May 2000.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100% (2 yr)
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100% (2 yr)	100% (2 yr)	100% (2 yr)	100% (2 yr)

C. Submit a budget request for the purchase of hardware and software to implement first phase of technology plan by August 2000.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100% Sep
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100% Sep	100% Sep	100% Sep	100% Sep

D. At least annual, for the next five fiscal years, review technology procedures for impact on productivity with executive staff and information technology professional. The annual review will be accomplished prior to December 31 of the fiscal year.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

3. To increase communication opportunities with the public defenders, the bar, the courts, the general public, and counties to substantially increase the constituencies' awareness of the value of the Office of the SAPD.

A. Establish Office of SAPD internet web presence with brief bank by March 31, 2000. The web presence will provide an opportunity and medium for increased communication. Monitor the hits on the web site. Strive for a two (2) to three (3) percent increase per year over the base year of 2000.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

B. Attend at least two bar functions or bar-related activities every year for the next five fiscal years.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

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- C. Develop with the Idaho State Bar Association and or the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at least one continuing legal education seminar for the next five fiscal years.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			0%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
50%	100%	100%	100%

- D. Travel to at least two regions of Idaho on an annual basis to personally communicate with the public defenders and members of the judiciary.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			0%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

- E. Encourage staff participation at the elementary, high school, and post-secondary educational level in educating students concerning defense, trial and appellate practice.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

- F. Allow staff to be instructors at the elementary, high school, and post-secondary educational level where such instructional duties will not interfere with accomplishment of the SAPD's mission to include a reduction in productivity.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

- G. Volunteer to participate in at least two court-sponsored committees for the next five fiscal years.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			50%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
50%	50%	100%	100%

- H. Participate as an entity in the annual fair held in August at the Western Idaho Fair Grounds in Ada County for the next five fiscal years.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			0%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

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- I. Participate in Law Day every year for the next five fiscal years.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

- J. Submit budget request in a timely manner on an annual basis to accomplish objectives for the sub-task of this objective.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
			100%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
100%	100%	100%	100%

Program Results and Effect:

The Office of the State Appellate Public Defender (SAPD) provides appellate services for the counties that participate in the capital crimes defense fund in the most efficient manner possible under the statute. The Office of the SAPD relieves county public defenders of the burden of appellate litigation in capital and non-capital cases which account for over 95% of all criminal appeals in the state. The Office of the SAPD is constantly seeking ways to improve its efficiency through specialized education of its attorneys and support staff and the use of technology. The Office of the SAPD makes a concerted effort through communications to increase the awareness of the value of services rendered to the citizens of the state. There are no negative aspects attached to this program. The direct efforts of the program are to serve a critical criminal justice need in both the capital and non-capital arena while at the same time saving the taxpayers money at the local and county levels. The ultimate effect of this program is to improve operation of the Idaho criminal justice system.

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